



St. Mary's Catholic School April 2024 Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Happy Easter! I pray you all had a wonderful Holy Week and spring break. Here at St. Mary's we are gearing up for the many events and activities that come up at the end of the school year. Don't forget to check your email for teacher communication and visit the PSG Facebook page. This term will fly by! The newsletters and monthly calendars are posted on our school website. www.stmaryschool.ca

Sister Ralph Show: May 7th



If you are newer to our school, you might not have heard about our student talent show called the **Sister Ralph Show**. Sister Ralph was a former grade five, music and library teacher at St. Mary's who loved performing arts. She led the choirs and speech arts for years. The Sister Ralph talent show is scheduled for May 7th. Interested students are welcome to audition during the week of April 15-18. Auditions are at lunchtime. (Students come straight to auditions with their lunch.)

Students are asked to sign up at the bulletin board by the Grade One class and come prepared for their audition. In the past, Acts have been varied. We have piano players, poetry recitals, singing, magic, horse jumping (on a video) etc. If you or your child have any questions, please ask Michelle Quinn or Cara Carmelo.

Tuition increase

I am so grateful you have chosen our school for your child(ren). I continue to be blessed as the principal here. We have incredible staff that care deeply about your children on a daily basis. Our students bring us much joy! With much conversation and a hard look at the budget, we are increasing the tuition rate for the first child next year. The increase is the difference of \$10/month. (First child was \$340 and is now \$350). Thank you for being patient while we navigated this process.

April Mass at the school and First Holy Communion



This month Grade 6 and Kindergarten will host Mass on April 18th at 9 AM.

It is always appreciated (and special) to see smiling faces out in the seats! Please consider making the time to support your child at mass, even if their class isn't hosting mass that day. We also are excited to celebrate our students, Abigail Stanley, Chikamso and Somto Akabogu as they receive their First Holy Communion Sacrament on Sunday April 28th at St. Mary's Church. Mass begins at 11 AM that morning and all are welcome to attend!

May God Bless all of you,

Vanessa Fer
Principal



DUST IF YOU MUST

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture or write a letter,
Bake a cake or plant a seed,
Ponder the difference between want and
need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much
time,
With rivers to swim and mountains to
climb,
Music to hear, and books to read,
Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out
there,
With the sun in your eyes, the wind in
your hair,
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain.
This day will not come round again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go – and go you must –

School Mass



Thursday, April 18th
9:00 AM at the school
Hosted by: Grade 6's &
Kindergarten

Everyone is welcome to join
Father Rex Velmonte

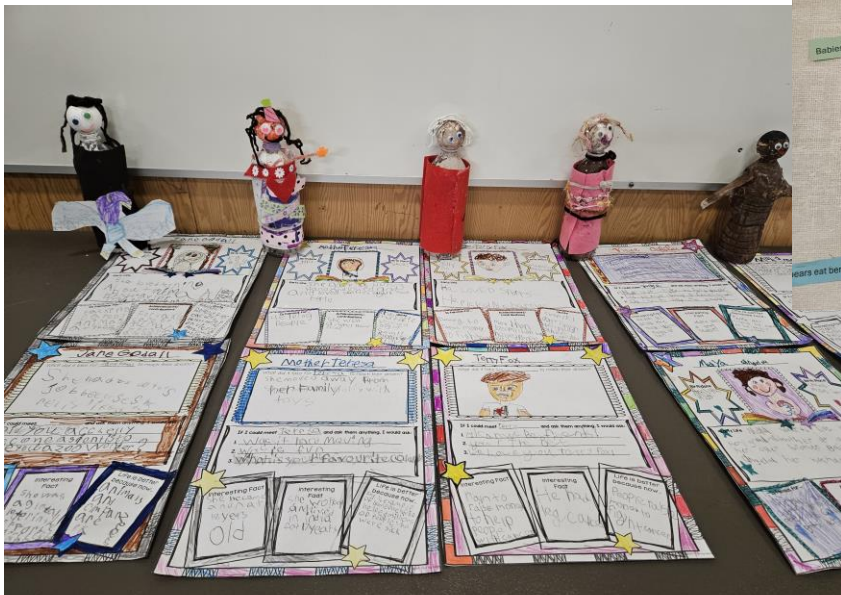
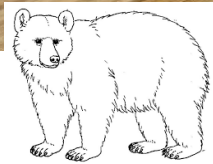


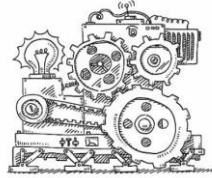
Lifetouch Photography will be here Thursday, May 2nd

Kindergarten Grad photos will be a one day only – please don't miss out!

Our whole school photo will take place on this day.

Night of the Museum





Kindergarten Leprechaun traps!



St. Mary's PSG Update - April 2024

Welcome back from what we hope was a restful and restorative Spring Break! We're in the final push to summer and we have lots planned over the next few months.

Hot Lunch for this month will be on **Friday, April 12th** and we will be serving **Subway** and **Domino's Pizza**. Be sure to place your order before midnight on the Tuesday prior. We are asking parents of the Grade 4/5 class to help serve. Sign up is on the St. Mary's PSG Facebook page.

As well, our **PSG Starbucks Morning Coffee** will also be on **Friday, April 12th beginning at 8:25am!** We love chatting with the crowd of parents that come stop by for a hot cup of coffee and some lemon loaf or banana bread before they start their day.

PSG's Spring Fundraiser of beautiful flower baskets is now on sale! Order information has been emailed but you can share the info with your family and friends by directing them to:

<https://smcis.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>.

All orders must be in by midnight on Tuesday, April 23rd.

Delivery of the baskets will be just in time for Mother's Day on **Tuesday, May 7th**.



PSG is also hosting a fun **Burger & Bevv Night at the Heid-Out on Tuesday, April 23rd**. Tickets are \$25 each with half of the proceeds going to St. Mary's School and they **can be purchased in the school office from Mrs. Green**. Tickets include a burger, side salad or fries, and a beer or glass of house wine. There are also gluten-free and chicken-burger options available. There will be two seating times, 5:30pm-6:30pm and 7:00pm-8:00pm. Come in to order during those time frames but choose to stay as long as you'd like!

The annual **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 22nd**. This luncheon allows us to show our St. Mary's staff how much we appreciate them. The opportunity to sign up to provide a salad/dessert/entrée for the event will be posted on the PSG Facebook page in a few weeks' time.

Our next **PSG meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30pm at St. Mary's School**. As always, we welcome all parents to come and join us! Happy Spring!



Courtney Magro
PSG Chair



St. Mary's School PSG
Presents:

BURGER & BEVVY NIGHT AT THE HEID OUT

Tuesday, April 23rd
Tickets \$25 each

INCLUDES BURGER, SIDE SALAD OR
FRIES AND A BEER OR GLASS OF
WINE (CHICKEN OR BEEF BURGER, &
GLUTEN-FREE OPTION AVAILABLE)

Tickets available in school
office until April 19th

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BUT STAY AS LONG AS YOU'D LIKE!





2nd Term Report Card Honours
Congratulations to the following students:

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

| GRADE FOUR | GRADE FIVE | GRADE SIX |
|------------|------------|---------------|
| | | Morgan Burke |
| | | Aiden DaSilva |
| | | Kace Oberle |



HONOUR ROLL

| GRADE FOUR | GRADE FIVE | GRADE SIX |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Callie Baldwin | Amelia Mondin | Elliot Aston |
| Emma Tait | Lily Tait | David Edwards |
| | | Rhett Magro |
| | | Katia Maryniak |



EXCELLENCE OF EFFORT

| GRADE FOUR | GRADE FIVE | GRADE SIX |
|------------|------------|-------------------|
| | | Morgan Burke |
| | | Aiden DaSilva |
| | | Rhett Magro |
| | | Katia Maryniak |
| | | Josie Niedermayer |
| | | Kace Oberle |

 **Kindergarten
Orientation**

The new class of 2024-2025
 Kindergarten students will be
 visiting our school on
Tuesday, April 30th
 at 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Please give a big welcome to our
 little visitors if you see them
 in the hallway.



Sister Ralph



Tuesday, May 7th
(6:30 – 7:30 PM)

It's that time of year again! St. Mary's
 will be hosting our annual night of talent
 while raising money for the
 Sister Ralph Bursary.

Kindergarten

2024 – 2025 School Year

If you or someone you know has a child who will be 5 years of age on or before December 31, 2024, he/she is eligible to begin kindergarten when school opens in the fall.

We are now accepting the names of students who will be attending kindergarten in the fall of 2024.

Please contact the school office (250) 426-5017 to ensure that your child is placed on the kindergarten list.

Please pass on this information to neighbours, friends or relatives who are new to Cranbrook or will be enrolling their first child in St. Mary's School.



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